

## **Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project**

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project  
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

FROM: John Pandiani and Rachel Stanger

DATE: February 23, 2001

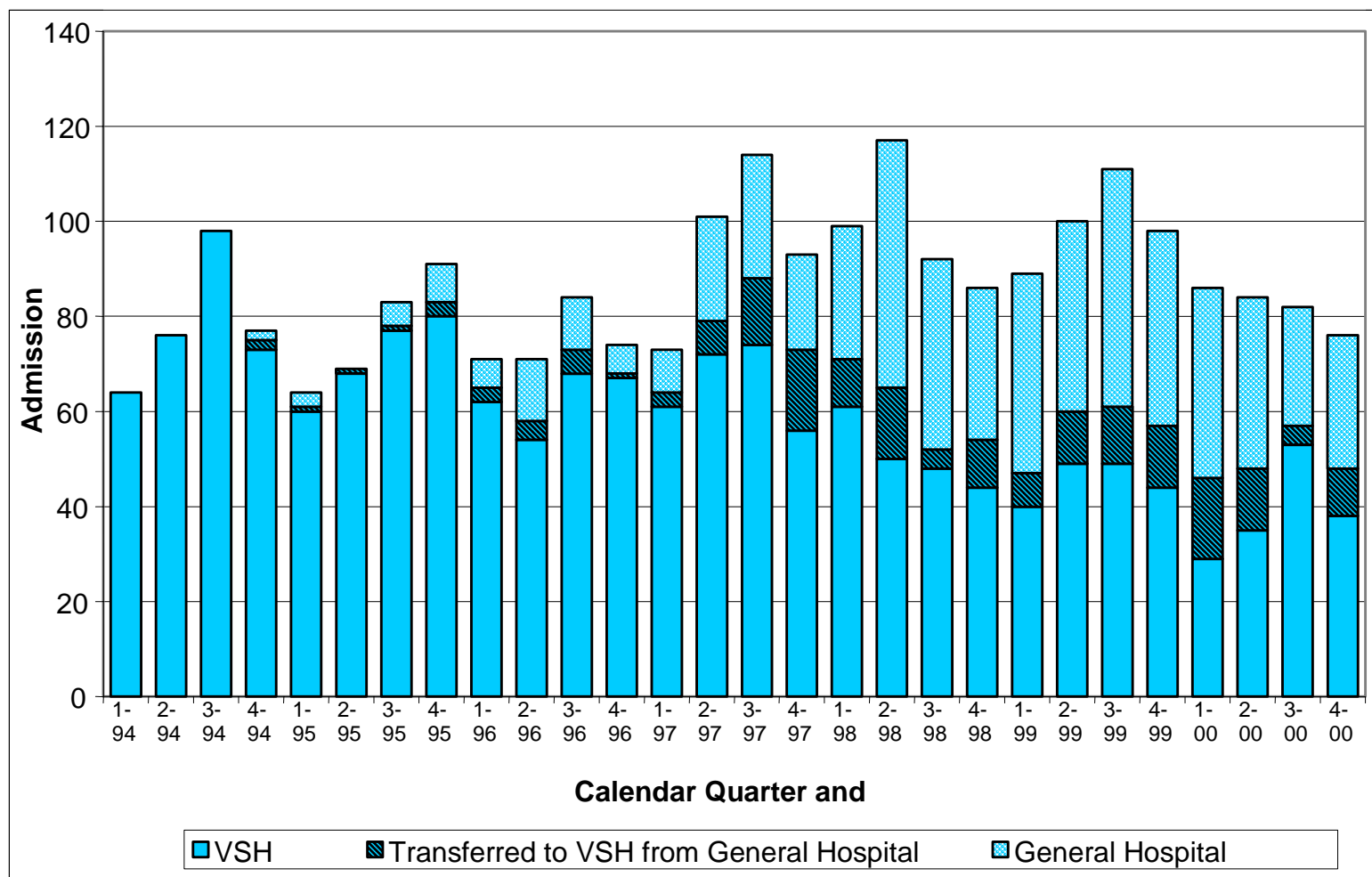
RE: Involuntary Inpatient Care: January 1994 – December 2000

Most lists of indicators of mental health program performance include at least one indicator that focuses on involuntary care. The attached graphs present three measures of the amount of involuntary inpatient psychiatric care in Vermont over the past four and a half years. These graphs include involuntary care in both the Vermont State Hospital and general hospitals in Vermont under the 72-hour hold option (including continued involuntary care after 72 hours). The measures include the number of involuntary admissions, the number of involuntary patient days, and the number of people who received inpatient care on an involuntary basis.

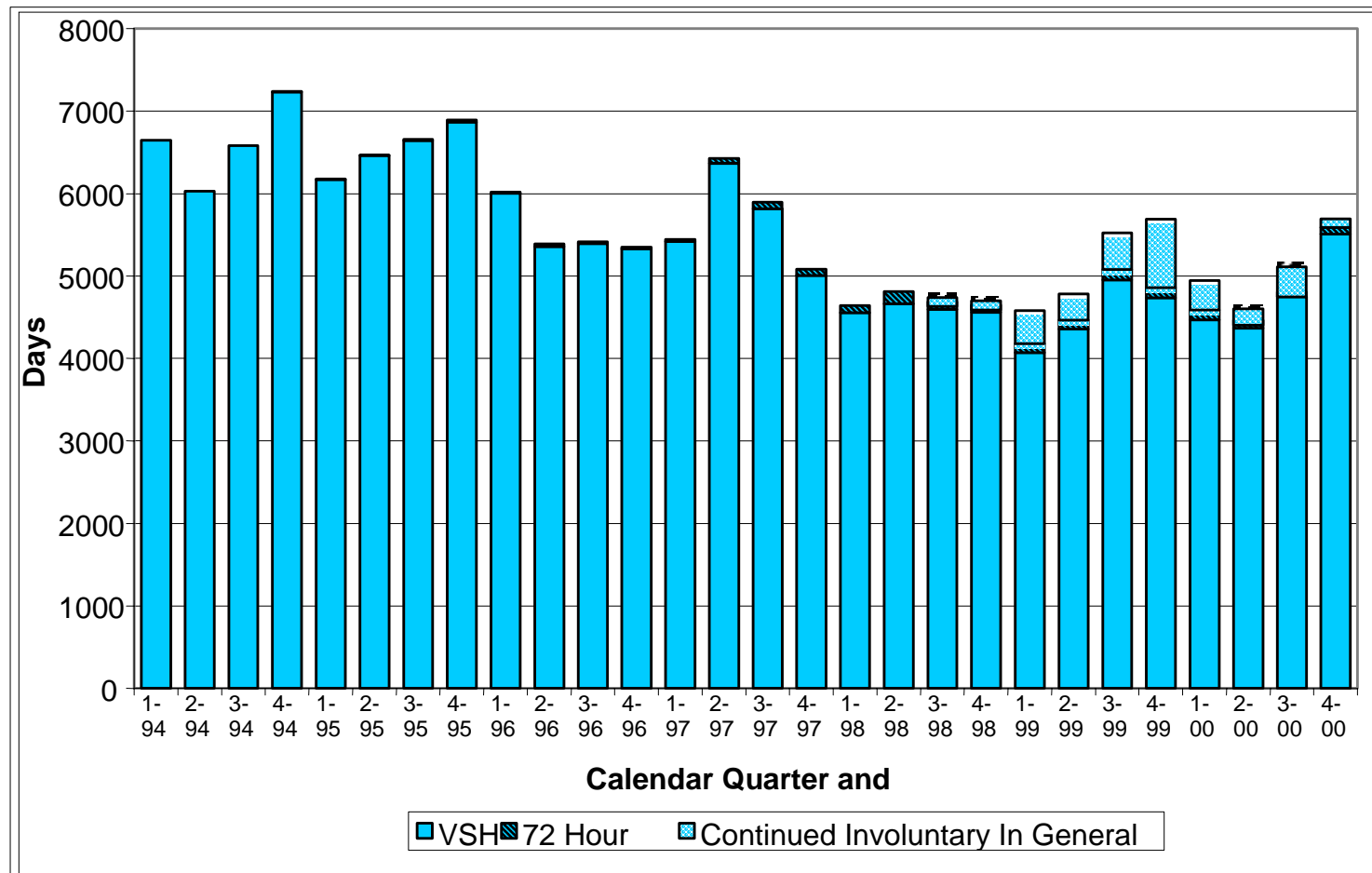
As you will see, these three measures provide somewhat different pictures of the overall trend in involuntary inpatient care. The number of admissions to involuntary care increased substantially during the first half of 1997, but has decreased over the past 18 months to a level comparable to pre-1997 admission levels. The number of involuntary inpatient days decreased substantially during 1996 and since that time has remained at levels below the pre-1996 levels. Finally the number of people receiving involuntary inpatient treatment (including those admitted during the quarter and those previously admitted) has remained relatively constant during this period, despite some notable month-to-month fluctuation. There has been substantial growth, however in the number of people receiving involuntary inpatient treatment in their local hospitals and a decrease in the number receiving involuntary treatment at the Vermont State Hospital.

Please let us know if you have other questions about involuntary inpatient care. We may be able to help you. Please send your questions to [jpandiani@ddmhs](mailto:jpandiani@ddmhs) or call 802-241-2638.

# **Admissions to Involuntary Inpatient Psychiatric Care at Vermont State Hospital and General Hospitals**



# **Days to Involuntary Inpatient Psychiatric Care at Vermont State Hospital and General Hospitals**



# **People** **Receiving Involuntary Inpatient Psychiatric Care** **at Vermont State Hospital and General Hospitals**

